

REMARKS:Status

After this response, claims 1 to 71 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 18, 26, 35 and 43 have been amended, and claims 52 to 71 have been withdrawn. Of the claims under consideration, claims 1, 18 and 35 are independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction Requirement

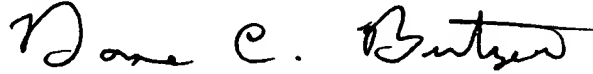
Restriction to one of the following groups was required: Group I including claims 1 to 51, and Group II including claims 52 to 71. Applicants elect Group I. Accordingly, the claims in Group II, namely claims 52 to 71, have been withdrawn. Applicants intend to pursue claims 52 to 71 in a divisional application.

Closing

The entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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correspondence should continue to be directed to the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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